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Please submit articles, corrections and suggestions by the 16th of the Month to Ivan Lazure and he will send them to n1llu.

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Coming up...

Contesting

Jan 8, 1800Z to Jan 8, 2400Z	Kids Day	Rules at www.arrl.org/kids-day
Jan 21, 1800Z to Jan 22, 0600Z	North American QSO Party	Rules at
www.ncjweb.com/naqprules.php		
Jan 21, 1900Z to Jan 23, 0400Z	ARRL Jan VHF Sweepstakes	Rules at
www.arrl.org/contests		
Jan 28, 1700Z to Jan 29, 1700Z	Winter Field Day	Rules at www.spar-hams.org

Special Event Station

Jan 14, 1600Z to 2359Z, Call NI6IW, Location San Diego, Ca, Ship USS MIDWAY (CV-41)
 US Navy Seal Teams Established 1962 and USS Nautilus First Ship Underway on Nuclear
 Power, 1954
 Frequencies SSB 14.320 and 7.250 Mhz, PSK31 14.070
 QSL to: USS Midway Museum Radio Room, 910 N. Harbor Dr., San Diego, CA 92101-5811
 Website: kk6fz@arrl.net

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Andy Club Meetings</u></p> <p>Wednesday January 4th 2012 1900 EDT Andy Meeting at LaPage Conference Room 99 Campus Avenue, Lewiston, ME</p> <p>Wednesday January 18th 2012 at 1800 Androscoggin ARES/RACES Meeting Androscoggin Unified EMA Office Basement of Central Fire Station 2 College Street Lewiston</p>	<p>Wednesday January 25th 2012 0730 EDT Monthly Andy Breakfast Ramada Inn, Pleasant Street Lewiston, ME</p> <p>Wednesday January 25th 2012 1900 EDT Andy Club On-air Meeting and Net on the Auburn Repeater 146.610MHz no pl tone</p>
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ARES/RACES Comments by Ivan N1OXA Androscoggin EC

December was not an active month. We had a Hospital Radio test on Dec 28, 2011, with 5 hospitals involved and two EMA's. We are starting a quarterly Radio test with the hospitals. As for the weekly ARES/RACES net we need more participation so more members can get familiar with net operations and how to send and receive messages. So, mark your calendar for Thursday night ARES Net at 1900 and 146.61, and try to check in at least a couple of times during the month. Our Monthly ARES/RACES meeting is on Jan 18, 2012 at 1800 Local time.



Ivan

1. Incident Name	2. Date and Time of Message	General Message ICS 213
3. To: ICS Position		
4. From: ICS Position		
5. Subject		
6. Message		
8. Signature / Position (person replying) Date / Time of reply		
General Message	June 2009	ICS 213

General Message (ICS FORM 213-OS)**Purpose.** The General Message is used by:

- Incident personnel to record incoming messages which cannot be orally transmitted to the intended recipients;
- Command Post and other incident personnel to transmit messages to the Incident Communications Center for transmission via radio or telephone to the addressee;
- Incident personnel to send any message or notification to incident personnel which requires a hard-copy delivery;
- Incident personnel to place resource orders.

Preparation. This form is prepared by any incident personnel needing to transmit a hard-copy message. The recipient should send a timely reply to the originator, as necessary.

Distribution. Upon completion, the General Message may be hand-carried to the addressee or to the incident Communications Center for transmission. Originator retains a copy of the form. All completed original forms MUST be given to the Documentation Unit.

Item #	Item Title	Instructions
1.	Incident Name	Enter the name assigned to the incident.
2.	Date and Time of Message	Enter the date and time of message origination.
3.	To	Enter name and ICS position of message recipient.
4.	From	Enter name and ICS position of message sender.
5.	Subject	Indicate the message subject.
6.	Message	Enter message.
7.	Reply	This section to be used by the unit/person who receives the message to reply to your message.
8.	Signature/Position Date/Time of reply	Enter name and position of person replying to this message. Enter date (month, day, year) and time of reply (24-hour clock).

Secretary's Report

The Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club held a meeting December 7, 2011 at Campus Cuisine in Lewiston. In attendance: n1wfo, n1nyw, n1jd, w1skp, n1svb, n1oxa, kb1qhr, kb1doi, kb1cdu, k1wtx, w1ltx, w1lwt, n1dot, w1box, w1scm and son Charles, and kb1obd.

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Earle Gilmore at 6:16 PM. Andy kb1doi made a motion to approve the Secretary's report as printed in the ACORN, that motion was seconded by Ivan n1oxa. Vote: approved.

Ivan read the Treasurers' report and added that the Central Maine Regional Resource Center will be reimbursing the club for the test session in Bridgton last month. Bob w1ltx made a motion to accept the report and Andy kb1doi seconded the motion. Vote: Approved. Ivan also reported on the number of new techs (5) one general upgrade and one extra at the Bridgton session.

There was no old business so on to new business. If anyone would like hear a talk at the Convention in March bring your ideas and possible speakers name to Ivan, Jerry or Bob. Six meters, and RF interference were two suggested. A table to test equipment people are thinking of buying to be sure it works was discussed. I passed on a message from Lake Region Awards who would like tables like usual. Ivan, Bob and Jerry decided to meet next week to get the lists of former vendors and people who rented tables and be sure to contact them and sign them up for the convention.

A thank you to Norm w1scm and Charlie for recommending the chicken pot pie at this supper meeting, I thought it was great too.

Rick n1wfo made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by kb1doi Andy. Vote: approved, adjourned at 6:39 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dick Knight n1nyw
Secretary

DX NEWS NOTES

December, 2011

During the past month we made 23 DX contacts representing 18 different countries. The low counts do not represent radio conditions. On October 30th, we had that blizzard with heavy wet snow. The snow gathered on the beam and at one point the wind blew the snow off one side of the beam. The weight of the snow on the other side of the beam rotated the boom on the mast so now the beam instead of being level, one side is dropped down and the other side is elevated up. Until I can find someone to climb the tower and re-level the beam, the contacts will be way down. Countries contacted were:

VE3CPK, Canada; VK6ANC, Australia; 6V7Q, Senegal; LZ1ZD, Bulgaria; TU2T, Ivory Coast; OE4MXB, Austria; SU9VB, Egypt; ZS1SR, So. Africa; LU5FC, Argentina; CT1EHI, Portugal; 9N7MD, Nepal; HK1/EA7ATX, Columbia; JT9KT, Mongolia; 7Z7AA, Saudi Arabia; TY2BP, Benin; V84SEA, Brunei; EA*UP, Canary Islands; C50C, Gambia;

We had one Pacific contacts this month. We contacted VK6ANC in Australia.

There are several DXpeditions to various parts of the world coming up in January. Some haven't been assigned a call as yet or the operators will use the country prefix and their home call.

Jan. 01 to Jan. 31	T32AU	East Kiribati
Jan. 02 to Jan. 07	TO5G	French Guyana
Jan. 05 to Jan. 08	KL7/	Alaska
Jan. 05 to Jan. 31	J79XB	Dominica
Jan. 07 to Jan. 08	PJ2N	Curacao
Jan. 07 to Jan. 10	KH0/	Mariana Is.
Jan. 08 to Jan. 22	PJ4B	Bonaire
Jan. 12 to Jan. 26	T2HA	Tuvalu
Jan. 14 to Jan. 22	XU7/	Cambodia
Jan. 17 to Feb. 02	T32/	East Kiribati
Jan. 20 to Jan. 29	VP6T	Pitcairn Is.
Jan. 22 to Feb. 22	HK0NA	Malpelo Is.
Jan. 24 to Feb. 23	FW0R	Wallis & Futuna
Jan. 25 to Feb. 05	8Q7HU	Maldives
Jan. 26 to Jan. 29	3D2HA	Fiji

The above DXpeditions are correct to the 10th of the month prior to printing The A.C.O.R.N. For additions after that date, go to my web page and click On the link "Reported DXpeditions by NG3K".

I invite any club members that have a computer to visit my web page. The address is: <http://www.qsl.net/n1svb/>

Earle Gilmore N1SVB